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New requirements for Contractor Licenses, Apprentices, and Home Owners

Contractors

Starting July 1, 2005 all Electrical Contractors and Specialty Contractors will have two new qualifying requirements to receive or renew their licenses. House Bill 141 will first require all Electrical Contractors to supply proof of \$300,000.00 worth of liability insurance to the Electrical Bureau prior to the issuance of a contractor license. The second part of House Bill 141 requires that proof of Worker Compensation Insurance be provided to the Electrical Bureau if it is applicable to your business. To determine if Worker Compensation is a requirement for your business please contact the Idaho Industrial Commission at 317 W. Main St, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0041 or phone (208) 334-6000, (800) 950-2110.

Home Owners

House Bill 139 has changed the exemptions for property owners. Starting July 1, 2005 home owners working on their own primary or secondary residence and associated buildings will not be required to have an electrical license. This change clarifies that permits may only be issued to the home owner working on their own primary or secondary residence and associated buildings. This will include one and two family dwellings, associated buildings, domestic water pumps, sewage pumps, and irrigation pumps associated with the residence

2005 NEC

The 2005 National Electrical Code has been adopted by the Idaho State Electrical Board and will be in effect beginning July 1, 2005. Permits issued prior to July 1, 2005 will be inspected under the 2002 National Electrical Code. Please review the 2005 NEC for changes that will be affecting your installations.

CEU'S

With the new 2005 NEC brings the requirement of Continuing Education. Master Electrician and Journeyman Electrician License that will require renewal after July 1, 2005 will require proof of 24 hours of continuing education, of which 16 hours must be based on the 2005 NEC. For class information check our web page at www.dbs.idaho.gov/electrical/.

Apprentices

During the August 2006 apprentice renewal period an apprentice that has not attended apprenticeship training for the last two years will not be eligible to register as an apprentice, until they have registered with or completed the year of continuation training for which the apprentice is eligible.

If you have any question please feel free to contact the Electrical Bureau at 208-334-2183